

Pertinent Comment

BY GUS MALBERT

Explanations never won ball games. Ability counts most. The club making the most runs usually wins and the one run rarely wins a ball game. The which formula being added and subtracted and modified means that Richmond lost the game to Roanoke yesterday because of ball. An old proverb which has gone the rounds for a number of years is to the effect that if one man tells you you are drunk you have a right to be skeptical. If two men tell you the same thing you may still doubt it, and even if three men make the same statement there is a chance that they may be wrong. But if the opinion is unanimous, you can pretty near gamble that you are drunk. If Richmond had lost a game here and there as all teams do, there might be and would be some excuse. But when the club consistently loses to all other teams in the same league, there can be but one conclusion, and that is that the other clubs have the best teams.

There is nothing fatal in this admission. It may be called hard luck and no one person can be blamed. In picking out this year's assortment the local management seems to have come off second best. Even in the matter of strengthening the weak places, the selections have been unfortunate. For one thing the strongest pitcher in the league is not in the team. For another, the team is not in the best of health. It is too late now to do anything. Richmond, unless there is a tidal wave, is going to finish just about where the club is now. The chances to improve the position are slight. It is a great pity that the greatest city in the State and the greatest in the South should have been so unfortunate. But that's just what it is. Everybody who has any connection with the team wishes it otherwise. Certainly the owner does, for the diminishing attendance hits where it hurts most.

When George Cowan took hold of the team after Jimmie Sullivan quit there were hopes that conditions would improve. If Cowan had his way they would have improved. While not without his faults, Cowan is one of the most indefatigable workers in the minor leagues to-day. He may not be the best ball player on earth, but he is dependable, which is more than can be said for some ball players. His working hours and his sleeping hours have been spent trying to bolster up the team, but up to date his efforts have proved unavailing. When one reads statements to the effect that a manager cannot tell ball players what they must do when they should steal, or what ball they should hit at, or when they should sacrifice it sounds foolish. Management in baseball is just what it is in everything else and just what it is in everything else and just what it is in everything else. The man responsible for the working of a ball team is the manager, and unless his orders are implicitly obeyed he cannot get the best results. The blame is his, and so should be the directing power. No manager in any game, this nor can the options of any amount of men, be the minor league or major league ball players. The manager is the head of the organization, and when he is not chaos reigns. If he does direct and doesn't make good, then it is time for a new manager to be selected, but until he is so selected, the manager in fact as well as in name, he cannot be blamed for anything that goes wrong.

Supposing major league ball clubs should be run under the principle that the manager didn't tell his men what to do, how far would the club go? So far do the managers go in directing the teams that every detail is told the men before they go into a game. The plan of battle is laid out just as would be the plan for an army, and the fight is waged along that line, unless, in the opinion of the manager, a new tack should be taken in the game progress. It is the manager, first and last and all the time, who is at the helm.

The game yesterday was such a game as happens in every league. Roanoke batted Revell timely, and their hits were aided by lucky errors by the Colts. Richmond could not bat Draper at the right time, and Roanoke did not make any errors. There's your solution in a nutshell, and it's as simple as possible.

Owner Bradley's trip to Norfolk resulted in the return to town with him of Second Base man Clark, who made a hit in the Tidewater. The boy was perceptibly nervous yesterday and did not do himself justice. He will look better if he is given an opportunity to stick around a few days, but the probabilities are that with Priest getting well Charles will be given his walking stick.

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papers and Johnny put back in the game. Johnson was fired yesterday, but, according to George Cowan, signed over. This still leaves a surplus of pitchers, and as yet no intimation has been made as to who it will be. Here they are in a row, so pick your choice: Verbut, Revell, Johnson, Hogue and Hanks.

Nothing sensational marked the game yesterday unless it was the three double plays that were pulled off. Even these appeared tame because the home team was not winning. Roanoke played a great fielding game, and certainly especially distinguished himself, taking care of ten chances without an error. Titman, who is well liked here, made two hits, one for an extra base. The locals were exceedingly shy on brilliancy. Each of the four errors counted. Lucia, the new backstop, alone made a favorable impression. He is the goods, and to the delight of the fans, pegs to base when men are on, making them hug pretty close.

Shaughnessy yesterday pulled off the one thing which was pleasing to look at. In the seventh he took a big lead off first, and when Lucia pegged to Dobson to get him, kept on to second, beating Dobson's throw to Martin.

Cowan and Owner Bradley are scheduled for a meeting this morning, at which the Johnson question will be discussed. The inwards of the Guilhean deal have just come to light. Guilhean, it appears, had a back debt against the Petersburg club of last year. While he was dickering with Mr. Bradley and had practically accepted terms, he was also talking to Petersburg. The fact that he goes there leads to the conclusion that the Goobers settled the bill.

Buck Hooker is now a fullfledged member of the Lynchburg outfit. He and Colonel Otis Stockdale are good friends, and Buck should do well in the Hill City. His friends wish him well at any rate.

Law joins Norfolk in Lynchburg today, his five days' suspension being up. It is good that Williams did not rescind his action. Law will now come to realize, as all ball players must, that he must abide by the decisions of the umpire.

Frank Bigbie has returned and signed a contract with the Alcos in the Richmond Amateur League.

It now seems that Washington must do business with the Youngstown (O.) club, of the P. O. League, before Pitcher Buck Becker can be called a National League star. Both were in the White Sox, holding that organization to two hits, and the whole town is singing the praises of the youngster. McAleer will not let him get away, that's a cinch.

Ray Morgan is now in Washington. Let's watch that boy. It will be worth while.

Report says that if Sherwood Magee, of the Phillies, offers a complete apology to the umpire he assaulted, President Latham may consider his reinstatement.

Happy Jack Chesbro, king of the spitball, and in his day the greatest finger in the big league, has just recently been canned by a little town in Massachusetts. The boy was hit by seven hits for thirty bases off him.

Hank Ramsey is having his troubles in Altoona, up in the Tri-State. Hank has lost money this year, and it now appears the franchise will be shifted to some other town.

By some means the Philadelphia fight writers gave the home of Willis Lee Bass, the Virginian who put some of the heaviest aspersions a few days ago, at Richmond. They also called him William H. Bass. Both were correct. Regardless of how honored Richmond might be at owning a prospective heavyweight champion, the honor belongs not here, nor shall we claim it. Two places are now battling hard for the honor of Bass, as he is to defeat the rest of the huskies he will go against. The two places are Crewe, Va., and Deep Creek, Norfolk county, Va. However, regardless of where he comes from, he is just twenty-one years old, and stands six feet six inches, weighing 210 pounds. He has been a champion on the Norfolk and Western, and is game to the core. That's what his friends say about him, and they mean it.

Boston walloped Detroit for the third time yesterday, and the Tigers are now just one point from the Athletics. The unexpected happened, for few would have picked the Beaneaters to accomplish the feat. Cobb is not hitting at his usual gait, and when he is wrong the whole Tiger outfit is wrong.

U. D. Benner, of Warrenton, Va., was killed yesterday at the Orange Horse Show while taking a jump. He was a game sportsman and a lover of the horse for the horse's sake. Thoroughbred loach a staunch friend, for he was every inch a thoroughbred.

CULPEPER TEAM FORFEITS GAME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., August 3.—Incessed over a close decision of Umpire Chennings in to-day's game between Culpeper and the local Y. M. C. A. team, Manager Whitestone, of Culpeper, called his team off the field in the sixth inning, during which the home team had scored three runs. Two runners were on the bases and two down, when the dispute arose. The final score was 5 to 0 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

AMBULANCE CASES

Boy Picks Up Something in Alley and It Explodes.

While walking through the alley in the rear of the Lexington Hotel yesterday afternoon Frank Overton, a colored boy, picked up something that he thought was worth carrying home, though he could not make out just what it was.

As he walked along the alley he struck it against the wall. Suddenly it exploded with a loud report, and Frank was severely burned about the hands and face.

He was treated by Dr. Watts, of the ambulance, and carried to his home, the residence of 129 East Main Street. He never did know what manner of thing he picked up, and promised that he would stand hands off for the rest of his life.

While Pitts, a white boy, living at 1231 East Main Street, was struck by a taxicab at the corner of Seventeenth and Main Streets yesterday afternoon. He suffered a slight wound on his head. He was treated by Dr. C. Crowe, of the ambulance, and carried to his home.

Alice McDaniels called the ambulance, and was found at her residence, 223 West Broad Street, suffering from acute alcoholism. For a time her condition was serious, but she recovered after being pumped out by Dr. Crowe.

J. E. Breeding, an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, was taken ill yesterday afternoon. He was sent to the City Home. His residence is at Stop 14, on the Petersburg Line.

Illness Prevented Attendance.

Private Robert L. Giles, one of the members of the Richmond Blues who will be tried by court-martial for failure to report for camp duty at Basic City, stated yesterday that he was unable to obey the command for the reason that he was ill at the Retreat for the Sick, and that this will be his defense at the trial.

Qualifications in Chancery.

Erskine Gordon qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as executor under the will of Leslie Caperton. The estate is valued at \$5,000.

Anne T. Bagley qualified as administratrix of Thomas E. Bagley. The estate is valued at \$4,225.

Spray Again Wins.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Houston, Va., August 3.—J. Boehling and Ray were on the cushions for Houston and Spray, respectively, this afternoon at Cluster Springs before the largest ball crowd of the season, and the former administered a shut-out to the tune of 5 to 0, making it three for the series. Boehling was effective at all stages, allowing only one hit, while Ray was hit for a four-run inning, besides enough for a fourth, which amounted in brilliant fielding by both teams.

Hatters: Houston—J. Boehling and Hughes; Spray—Ray and O'Dell.

HEALTHY MOTHERS

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Good Canned Salmon	12c
Good Mixed Tea, per lb.	30c
Jello Ice Cream Powders, 8 pkgs.	25c
7 bars Swift Pride Soap for	25c
Peerless Brand Finest Evaporated Milk, 4c; large can	10c
Eagle or Brookdale Apparagus, can	19c
Best Lump Starch, 5c pkg., now 7 pkgs. for	25c
Baker's Cocoa, can	10c
New Full Cream Cheese, 18c lb., or 1 lb.	25c
Smoked California Hams, lb.	11c
Good Creamery Butter, per lb.	25c
Chef Brand Fish Roe, in 2-lb. cans	11c
Silver King Best Patent Family Flour, 30c bag, or per barrel	\$4.65
Finest Breakfast Bacon, lb.	18c
Fresh Nearby Country Eggs, dozen	19c
Winner Brand Condensed Milk, can	9c
Smoked Country Jowls	9c
Pure Leaf Lard, lb.	12c
Good Carolina Rice, lb.	5c
Good Lard, per lb.	10c
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SECOND DAY'S SHOW BRINGS MANY SPILLS

Accidents Mar Otherwise Perfect Day—Classes Bring Out Splendid Fields and Judges Busy. Another Big Crowd Witnesses Performances in the Ring.

Orange, Va., August 3.—The second day of the fifteenth annual horse show at Orange wound up with a chapter of accidents, U. D. Benner, of Warrenton, Va., one of the best known horsemen of America, as well as a well-known rider, met with a fearful accident in the last class of the show, which resulted in his death. In this class also Mrs. Potts's rider met with an accident.

The largest crowd ever attending a show here was out to-day, and the hackney and ponies classes were very strongly contested.

The hackneys of Miss Amy Dupont, of Wilmington, Del., showed very favorably with those of William Dupont and Lee Heckinger. The day was an ideal one for an outdoor show.

The jumping and hunter classes were completed for by the foremost horses in America. As the last class of the show was shown, the first accident of the show occurred. Summary:

Colts, class 11—H. T. Burruss, of Unionville, Va., first; W. N. Green of Lahore, Va., second; Chester Dare, of W. Hume, of Rapid, Va., third; Mr. J. S. Andrews, of Orange, Va., fourth. German and French coach—King Edgar, of Gordonsville, Va., first; Brood mares, gray mares, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first team; E. F. Selby and Son, of Somerset, Va., second team; D. S. Andrews, of Orange, Va., third team. Hackneys—Montpelier Surprise, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first; Stallion, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Stallion, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., third. Hackneys, class 15—Montpelier Sensation, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first; Comma Maiden, P. C. Vance, of Fredericksburg, Va., second; the Knight of Danegret, R. C. Vance, of Fredericksburg, Va., third.

Hackneys, class 14—Roan mare, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first; roan mare, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Sernel, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., third; Kirkburn Lady, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., fourth.

Horses suitable to become a hunter—Searchlight, Edwin Conway, of Rapid, Va., first; Gladiator, Dr. R. M. Harris, of Orange, Va., second; Tomahawk, W. W. Sanford, of Orange, Va., third; No Name, Dr. J. S. Andrews, of Orange, Va., fourth.

Orange county hunters—Aviator, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., first; Borderland, W. W. Sanford, of Gordonsville, Va., second; Casual, V. R. Shackelford, of Orange, Va., third; Gladiator, Thomas Atkinson, Jr., of Gordonsville, Va., fourth.

Ladies' park saddle—Congdante, Julian Morris, of Keswick, Va., first; Julia, Miss Marion Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Wembley Queen, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., third; Wembley King, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., fourth.

Hunters and jumpers—Quandary, Lieutenant E. F. Graham, of the Tenth United States Cavalry, first; David Gray, E. H. Weatherbee, of New York City, second; Taconite, E. H. Weatherbee, of New York City, third; Cignet, Lieutenant Adna Chaffee, of the Fifteenth United States Cavalry, fourth.

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third team: Lee Heckinger, of Washington, D. C., fourth.
Lightweight hunters—Sans-A-Tout, Bell-Air Farm, of Warrenton, Va., first; Keswick, E. H. Weatherbee, of New York City, second; King Edward Bell-Air Farm, Warrenton, Va., third; Roustabout, Captain H. Dearmond, of the United States Field Artillery, fourth.

Horses in harness—Neille, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first; Mona, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Kirkburn Lady, William Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., third.

Ponies under saddle—Frost, Miss Marion Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., first; Wembley Queen, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., second; Daffodil, Mrs. Allen Potts, of Gordonsville, Va., third; Fashion, William Dupont, Jr., of Montpelier, Va., fourth.

Combination harness and saddle horses—Confidante, Julian Morris, of Keswick, Va., first; Julia, Miss Marion Dupont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Martin, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., third; Smoke, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., fourth.

Lightweight green hunters—Aviator, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., first; Devision, Bell-Air Farm, of Warrenton, Va., second; Millwood, Julian Morris, of Keswick, Va., third; Poppy, Lieutenant Adna Chaffee, of the Fifteenth United States Cavalry, fourth.

Ponies in harness—Sequel, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., first; Wembley Queen, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., second; Wembley King, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., third; Sequence, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., fourth.

Roadsters—Lady Barronade, F. W. Bennet, of Brandy, Va., first; Jay Wilkes, E. C. McCune, of Montpelier, Va., second; Prue, G. T. Marshall, of Orange, Va., third.

Four-in-hand—Lee Heckinger, of Washington, D. C., first.
Hornblowers—William Dupont, Jr., of Montpelier, Va., first; Bueler, second; Lee Heckinger, third.

Hunt club teams—Keswick Hunt, Julian Morris, of Keswick, Va., first; Tomahawk Hunt, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., second; Castle Hill Hunt, Mrs. Allen Potts, M. F. H., of Gordonsville, Va., third.

Ladies' harness horses—Alexandria, Miss Amy Du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., first; Mona, William Du Pont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Wembley Lady, Dr. G. J. O'Brien, of Keswick, Va., third; Pancy, Dr. E. L. Jones, of Culpeper, Va., fourth.

Hunt class with hounds—Tomahawk Hounds, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., first.

Park saddle—Confidante, Julian Morris, of Keswick, Va., first; Frost, Miss Marion Du Pont, of Montpelier, Va., second; Martin, J. N. Andrews, of Somerset, Va., third; Fashion, William Du Pont, of Montpelier, Va., fourth.

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M. & M. \$10,000 RACE A FEATURE

Detroit, Mich., August 3.—With the postponement of to-day's Grand Circuit races at the State Fair track on account of rain the M. & M. \$10,000 stake for 224 class trotters will be the big feature of to-morrow's card. The other events scheduled for to-day also will be transferred to to-morrow's card, and in addition two races originally on to-day's program, which was set back because of Tuesday's postponement, will be added making a total of six. The complete program for to-morrow follows:

2:15 pace, three in five, purse \$1,000.
2:24 trot, three in five, the M. & M. stake, \$10,000.
2:04 pace, two in three, purse \$3,000.
Two-year-old trot, the Horseman Futurity, purse \$3,000.
2:13 trot, three in five, purse \$1,000.
2:15 pace, three in five, purse \$1,000.

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NORFOLK TENNIS PLAYER IN FINALS

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